



# Duntroon School

The **BEST** we can be! • Ko te **PAI** e taea e tatou!  
Term 2, Week 7, Friday 13th June 2025

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Kia ora, kamaste maligayang pagdating po

It is hard to believe we have completed 7 weeks of the term with two more to go. There is plenty more in store for the term with our 'Long Lunch' in week 8, Yr 4-8 Winter Sports day, Term Treat and the Mid Year Reports going home at the end of the term. The Staff also feel it is time to test their abilities with a sporting challenge against our senior students in the last week! (so we have holidays to recover).

We are looking forward to the **'Longest Lunch' on Thursday 19th June at 12:30.**

We will all meet at the front of the school where you will be welcomed with a song, karakia & grace for the food we are privileged to be able to share together.

We are very limited (2 ovens) in our ability to heat up the food for the lunch so if you are coming to join us can you please bring your food ready for eating. If you do require to use the ovens at school please ensure your child's teacher is messaged beforehand so we can be prepared for this.

There will also be a small activity we would like you to do with your child/children while you are at school showing the area that your family is from. This work will lead to our office foyer space having a display showing the students' diversity of backgrounds we are lucky to have at our school.

### **Technology Challenge Day**

On Monday at our Assembly I talked to the school about how proud all of the teachers were of our Duntroon students on the Tech Challenge Day at Waitaki Valley School and at Duntroon. Their conduct, manners and respect for the school they were at combined with their sense of problem solving was commendable. Please see the poster in this newsletter that Miss McNeill has made to showcase the day.

### **Choir**

We were super proud of our Choir students on Tuesday night at the Music Festival. A huge 'THANK YOU' to Lou who was proudly conducting and Emily Hamilton supporting the ukulele players. The combined musical talents of Lou and Emily definitely created a polished performance to be proud of. There is a great deal of background work required to get to that stage. Lou's teacher aide position at school is valued and we appreciate that she can use her musical ability to grow and support our students at Duntroon School.

### **Winter Sports Day**

On **Tuesday 24th June (note the change of date)** we are looking forward to hosting the Winter Sports Day with Waitaki Valley & Omarama Schools. This is a day for the year 4-8 students to get together and try out some different sports or activities

### **Matariki**

Next Friday June 20<sup>th</sup> is Matariki. There is no school on this day. The school newsletter will come out on Thursday June 19th.

*Ngā mihi nui*

*Sarah and staff*

### **TERM REMINDERS:**

#### **JUNE**

**18th June—BOT Meeting**

**19th June—Longest Lunch**

**24th June—Winter Sports Day**

**27th June—Last Day of term 2**

#### **JULY:**

**14th July—Term 3 Starts**

# Technology Challenge Day

Last Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June we took part in the annual Technology Challenge Day with Glenavy, Papakaio, Waitaki Valley and Oamarama School. All the senior students (year 4-8) travelled to Waitaki Valley School in Kurow, while the juniors (year 0-3) stayed here at school to compete.



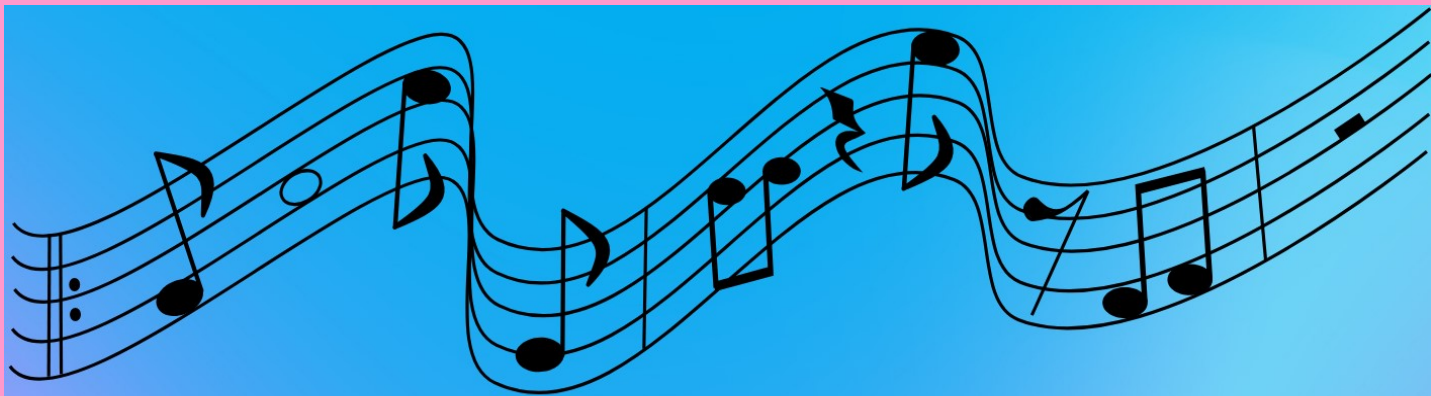
Students worked hard to communicate with each other, collaborate ideas and problem solve together. Everyone had a great day that ended with the racing of the down-hill racers from the home challenge.

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## North Otago Primary Schools Music Festival

**On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, the Duntroon School Choir attended the North Otago Primary Schools Music Festival. It started with a rehearsal at the Opera House in the morning**



**Then we had fish & chips for lunch at the Steampunk Playground, and as an extra special treat on the way home the choir all got an ice cream each.**



**That night we went back to the Opera House to perform our massed choir songs with six other schools and then perform our individual songs that we had been working on since last term. The choir absolutely nailed their performance and I am so proud of them!**



**Scan the QR code to see our live performance**





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We would like to share our lunch with you and welcome you to join us at the

## ‘LONGEST LUNCH’

This is part of our learning this year called ‘Celebrating Cultures’.

Thursday 19th June 12:30 in Week 8  
Duntroon School/(Duntroon Hall if wet)

# 19.06.25

Each family is asked to bring one dish that can be put on the long lunch table.

The dish is of the families choosing.

It is a dish that is special to the culture of each family, it can be sweet or savoury.

Please bring your dish ready to eat.





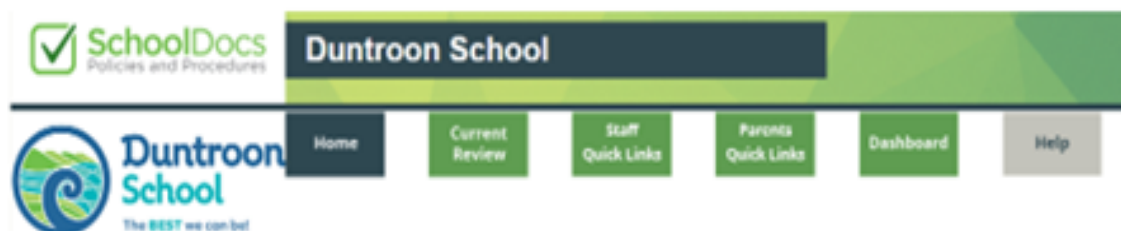
## Policy Reviews Term 2 2025

Please complete the following link to your browser to access the reviews and follow the instructions on the School Docs website.

<https://duntroon.school.co.nz>

your username is – Duntroon

your password is – 9494



Our Policy review statements for this term are on:

- **Emergency Management**
- **Disaster Management**
- **Crisis Management**

### Currently under review

[About the review process](#)

We are reviewing this policy for its content and how well the school implements it. To share your comments and rate its implementation, click the "Start your review" button. This policy's subtopics are also under review if they have a review button.

[Start your review](#)

**After choosing the review topic you can click start your review. Shown Above**

**Please complete by Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Thank you. Your feedback is appreciated.**

# DUNTROON PLAYGROUP

THURSDAYS 10-12 PM | BEHIND DUNTROON SCHOOL

COME AND JOIN US!

AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR RURAL PARENTS TO HANG OUT WHILE THEIR CHILDREN PLAY.

BRING YOUR LITTLE ONE'S MORNING TEA, THE JUG IS ALWAYS BOILED FOR THE ADULTS.

JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP- DUNTROON PLAYGROUP FOR MORE INFO



# DUNTROON PLAYGROUP RAGS FUNDRAISER

FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE/JULY DUNTROON PLAYGROUP ARE SEEKING THE DONATION OF CLEAN RAGS- CLEAN OLD SHIRTS, SHEETS, ETC. PLEASE DROP OFF TO DUNTROON PLAYGROUP OR DIRECTLY TO THE DUNTROON GARAGE



Gold coin entry  
Bring a share plate for supper  
Parent supervision

# DISCO

Duntroon Playgroup

# Postponed! New Date TBC.

# 13th

# Postponed! New Date TBC.

DUNTROON HALL

\* all welcome at either time slot, music and games will vary depending on age group.

Kindly sponsored by  
Buckland Automotive



Spooky dress / games / prizes

## GYMNASTICS

Pre-School and After school Gymnastics will be running in the gymnasium at Waitaki Valley School every Friday.

Pre-school 2.15pm - 3pm

After school 3.15pm - 4.15pm

My name is Kaz Hodge. I have a lot of experience working with children, and running gymnastics classes. I was a three times New Zealand champion, I also represented New Zealand overseas on numerous occasions.

If you want your children to learn new skills and have heaps of fun

phone Kaz 0273665818 to enroll.

## Scotts Own Sea Scouts 2025 times and nights

**Keas**  
ages 5-8  
4:30-5:30pm  
Monday

**Scouts**  
ages 11-14  
6:30-8:30pm  
Monday

**Cubs**  
ages 8-11  
6-7:30  
Tuesday

For more info  
find us on  
Facebook or  
contact Megan  
Phillips  
ph: 0274371479

First  
month  
free!

New Members  
always welcome



## Adult Buddies Needed Now!

Providing positive support for a young person

We need Adult Buddies to support local children  
in the Oamaru/Waitaki area.

If you have 2 hours a week or fortnight, please  
consider volunteering as an Adult Buddy.

This is a very rewarding way to know you are  
making a difference! Contact us today!



Christine Moffat  
Buddy Coordinator North Otago  
Phone: 021 1916 327  
Email: [buddyno@psotago.org.nz](mailto:buddyno@psotago.org.nz)

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL

BX Foods donating 50 cents per calf

*A wee heads up . . .*

We are taking bookings for your  
cows and bobby calves.



Meet today with your local  
Oamaru processor.

Contact 027 532 4034  
[livestock@bxfoods.co.nz](mailto:livestock@bxfoods.co.nz)



WAITAKI EVENT CENTRE TRUST

# Kid's DISCO NIGHT

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

LOAN AND MERC

HARBOUR STREET, OAMARU

FUNDRAISING FOR THE NETWORK WAITAKI EVENT CENTRE

ONE NIGHT - TWO DISCOS

YEARS 1-4  
5:00-6:30PM

All children must be  
accompanied by an adult

YEARS 5-8  
7:00-8:30PM

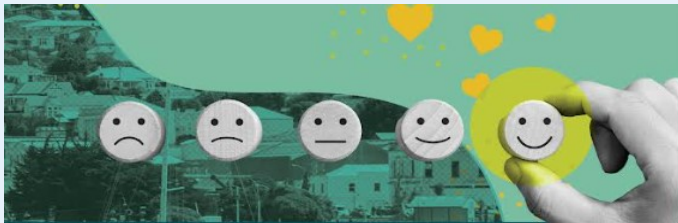
No Passouts  
Safe and secure event with supervision

**\$5 ENTRY AT THE DOOR**

**INCLUDES A GLOW STICK**


Food for sale on the night

Popcorn, Drinks, Lollies and Hot chips - all \$2 each  
ADDITIONAL GLOW STICKS FOR SALE



# 2025 Waitaki Residents' Survey

**Tell us how you think Council has been doing over the last 12 months, and you can go in the draw to win a \$500 Prezzy Card\***




Every year we ask residents for feedback on the services and amenities Waitaki District Council provides.

Our Residents Survey lets us know what we're getting right, what we need to work on, and gives you the opportunity to be as specific as you can when adding your comments. We use the results to see what needs to change, what we can do better, how we can help you.


**Survey closes 14 July 2025**

go here or scan here



[www.letstalk.waitaki.govt.nz/residents-survey-2025](http://www.letstalk.waitaki.govt.nz/residents-survey-2025)

\*To be eligible to win the \$500 Prezzy Card, you must provide your contact details in the survey form. Limited to one entry per person.




## SCHOOL HOLIDAY TOUR

OAMARU! Aqualand is bringing our world-class water parks indoors these school holidays! Enjoy all the excitement of our outdoor park, now indoors!

**WHEN?** Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> 10am - 4pm

**WHERE?** Waitaki Aquatic Centre Steward Street, Oamaru 9400

Grab your Tickets at [Aqualand.co.nz](http://Aqualand.co.nz)



# Pyjama Drive

1 May - 30 June

**Many children in foster care have never owned a brand new pair of pyjamas.**

Your donation of new winter pyjamas helps children (ages 0 - 18) sleep comfortably as temperatures drop during winter months, offering them both warmth and reassurance that their community cares.




# NZ ISE NEW ZEALAND INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL

28 June – 6 July 2025  
Dunedin | Ōtepoti

90+ events for the whole family  
and most of them are free!

scifest.org.nz



## Active Kids Waitaki Holiday Programme July 2025

Waitaki Community  
Recreation Centre

Monday - Thursday  
30 June – 3 July; 9.30am – 12.30pm

Primary & Intermediate-  
aged children



WAITAKI COMMUNITY  
**RECREATION  
CENTRE**

**\$10 per child per day**  
Regos open now. Places are  
limited to 40 children per day.  
To register, go to  
[www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc)  
For more info contact the Rec  
Centre 4346932 / 021 08150688

Registrations open now [www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/waitakirc)

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:  
9.30am – 12.30pm  
Different activities each day!

### MATARIKI WHANAU FUN!

16 - 20 JUNE

**16**  
Te Rāhina  
Monday 16 June  
3:30-4:30pm  
Ōamaru  
Library

Tākaro Matariki. A lantern-making and Matariki Storytime activity for school-age children. (NB: Bring your lantern along to Te Wā Pakaitiara Whānau – a special family Story Time on Wednesday evening.)

Mid winter hīkoi (walk) around the harbour and check out the Matariki Story Book Trail. Open from Saturday, 14th June.

Meet Karl McNamara, son of local amateur astronomer and astrophotographer Denny McNamara. Learn about his exhibition Denny McNamara Shoemaker-Lavy 9 at the Forrester Gallery. Using an abandoned telescope, Denny achieved something remarkable. Join us to hear more about Karl, his father Denny and discover the fascinating intersection between photography, science and personal history.

**17**  
Te Rātō  
Tuesday 17 June  
3:30-4:30pm  
Ōamaru  
Library

Matariki Community Waikata. A special session to celebrate the time of Matariki. Everyone welcome to join and sing along to catchy waiata. Nau mai, waiata mai!

4:55pm  
Friendly Bay  
Beach  
Clean-up

Waitaki District Youth Council are leading this wintery clean-up campaign. Please meet by The Gallery promptly at 4pm for registration and health and safety briefing. Bring: drink, bottle, gloves, wear suitable footwear, dress for the weather. It's hot, wet if you have one! Children must be supervised. Free sausage sizzle for all helpers!

**6:30pm**  
Talk at  
Forrester  
Gallery

**18**  
Te Rāpa  
Wednesday 18 June  
6-7:30pm  
Ōamaru  
Library

Te Wā Pakaitiara Whānau. A special Family Story Time for all ages to gather by lantern light in the library. Stories will be told, songs will be sung, sapper will be served. Wear your PJs or snugly clothes and bring your favourite pillow and blanket. (We will send you home at a reasonable time so that you can get up early for the Thursday pre-dawn stargaze.)

**10:30-11am**  
Ōamaru  
Library

Te Wā Pakaitiara. The usual toddler Story Time with a Matariki theme. Stories, singing and a Matariki hīkoi!

**Tenā koutou katoa! Nau mai, here mai ki te wā o Matariki 2025.**  
From the 16th to the 20th of June, Waitaki District Council is providing wonderful opportunities to celebrate the special time of Matariki – the beginning of the Māori new year.  
This programme of exciting fun-filled events and activities will engage you with the deeper meaning of Matariki – bringing friends and whānau together to remember and honour those who have passed since the last rising of Matariki, giving thanks for the blessings of last year, reconnecting with one another and sharing hopes and dreams for the new year ahead.

**19**  
Te Rāpae  
Thursday 19th June  
6:30-7am  
Stargazing at  
Makotukutuku

Stargazing at Makotukutuku | Cape Wanbrow Lookout, 1 Tamar Street. Māori astronomer Damien McNamara will guide our early morning viewing of the Matariki cluster, Punga/Puka and other points of interest. As the dawn breaks, join in with waiata. Please wear extremely warm clothing, sturdy footwear and bring a torch so you can find your way to our assembly point. Note: that for health & safety purposes, the lookout car park will only be available to those with mobility issues. Please park your car on surrounding streets. (Look on the Waitaki District Council Facebook page for notice of cancellation on the day)

**10:30-11am**  
Te Wā  
Pakaitiara

**Te Rāpae / Wednesday 18th June  
6-7:30pm Te Wā Pakaitiara Whānau**  
A special Family Story Time 6 - 7:30pm, for all ages to gather by lantern light in the library. Stories will be told, songs will be sung, sapper will be served. Wear your PJs or snugly clothes and bring your favourite pillow and blanket. As the dawn breaks, join in with waiata. Please wear extremely warm clothing, sturdy footwear and bring a torch so you can find your way to our assembly point. Note that for health & safety purposes, the lookout car park will only be available to those with mobility issues. Please park your car on surrounding streets. Look on the Waitaki District Council Facebook page for notice of cancellation on the day.

**20**  
Te Rāmere  
Friday 20 June  
Mānawatia  
a Matariki!

**Forrester Gallery is open 1:30-4pm on Matariki!**  
Denny McNamara, Shoemaker-Lavy 9 | 31 May - 27 July 2025. Denny McNamara was a prolific astronomer and astrophotographer who left behind an extensive portfolio of lunar and solar eclipses captured from his backyard in Ōamaru. In March 1993, the periodic comet Shoemaker-Lavy 9 was discovered. McNamara photographed the impact sites of the comet, the second to do so in Aotearoa New Zealand.  
George Burns Memorial Art Exhibition | 31 May - 13 July 2025. Every year school students from around the Waitaki share their artistic talents with us. The Forrester Gallery asks all the schools and early childhood education centres in the Waitaki District to contribute student artwork to the George Burns Memorial Art Exhibition. It is a showcase for the community and a celebration of children's art. You can have fun with the interactive - 1st to 1st!

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**Ōamaru Library**  
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**Forrester Gallery  
9th June 5pm, Ōamaru 9:00**  
Matariki colouring in, go in the door to see a Waitaki District Centre display.

**Extra fun during the week...**  
Matariki colouring in, go in the door to see a Waitaki District Centre display.  
Complete the Matariki Star Search scavenger hunt and collect a prize.  
Don't forget to have a mid winter Waiata! Bring your lantern along to the Matariki Story Book Trail. Open from Saturday, 14th June.

